. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Joseph E. Brandow, Jr., et ux Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Joseph E. Brandow, Jr., and his wife, Kathleen J. Brandow. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 1802.3.8 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) (Sections 211.3, R-6 and 301.1) to permit a side yard setback of 4 feet, 6 inches in lieu of the minimum required 6 feet for an open projection (deck and screened porch) as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

This matter was filed as an administrative variance; however, at the request of an adjoining property owner, a public hearing was held to determine the appropriateness of the relief sought.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Joseph E. and Kathleen J. Brandow, property owners. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was Joseph F. Svehla on behalf of his mother, Margaret M. Svehla, who requested the public hearing. The Protestant was represented by H. Edward Andrews, Esquire.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 4222 Penn Avenue, consists of 0.265 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a two-story single family dwelling with an attached screened porch and open deck on the southeast corner of the rear of the dwelling.

The Petitioners filed the instant Petition to legalize the open deck and screened porch which were constructed approximately two years ago without benefit of a building permit. Testimony indicated that the Petitioners have lived on the property since 1985 at which time, a deck with a roof existed on the east side of the subject dwelling. The Petitioners testified that the deck was severely damaged by insects and in need of repair. In 1991, the Petitioners replaced the structure with a somewhat larger deck and screened it in. Thereafter, in 1992, the Petitioner constructed the ground level deck to the rear of the dwelling to provide more useable space in their rear yard which, due to drainage problems, left the ground soggy. Photographs marked as Petitioners' Exhibit 2 were submitted depicting the original porch at the time of purchase and the new screened porch and open deck. Mr. Brandow testified that he was not aware that a permit was needed to replace the porch and that there were setback requirements which must be met. Mr. Brandow seeks permission to retain the structures as they currently exist.

property owner, Joseph Svehla, who appeared on behalf of himself and his mother who filed the original complaint and was unable to attend the hearing due to illness. Mr. Svehla testified that he and his mother object to the improvements as they exist and fear that the Petitioners will proceed to enclose the open deck which would further infringe upon their use of their property on that side. Mr. Svehla testified that he was under the impression that the side setbacks required for this property were 3 feet. However, after contacting Baltimore County, he was informed that the setback requirement was actually 6 feet. On behalf of his mother, Mr. Svehla stated that she would like to see these improvements removed. Whereas, his

Appearing in opposition to the relief requested was the adjacent

position was that while he could live with the existing screened porch, he is concerned about future improvements which may be contemplated for the

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing by both sides, it does not seem appropriate to require the property owner to remove the enclosed porch and ground level deck. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the Petitioner should be permitted to retain the subject structures as they currently exist with the condition that there be no further improvements, additions, or enclosures on the subject property. It was clear that Mr. Svehla's greatest concern was that there may be further additions or enclosures on the property, and that his use and enjoyment of his property would be adversely affected. By virtue of this Order and the restrictions contained herein, that concern

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- burdensome:

shall be alleviated.

1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

 whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

1B02.3.B (211.3, R-6 & 301.1) To permit a 4-foot, 6-inch side yard

setback in lieu of 6 feet for an open projection (deck and screened porch).

VIEW ASKING FOR PERMUSION TO LEAVE AS IS.

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for the property located at 4222 PENN AVE BALTINDRE Md 21236

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parce. In addition, the variance requested will but cause any injury to the public health, safety or general weither. Firther, the granting of the Partioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREPORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Limits James as other than Baltimore County this 3 day of December, 1991 that the Petition for Administrative Variance seeking relief from Section 1802 5 B of the Bait more County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) (Sections 211.1, F. 6 and Mally) to permit a side yard setback of 4 feet, 6 inches in lieu of the minimum required 6 feet for an open projection (deck and screened pornh), in accord dance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, autoent to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such

time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

2) The Petitioners shall be prohibited from any further exterior improvements to the subject property, be they enclosures, additions, or extensions, etc. The property as it currently exists shall remain as is and shall not be altered or changed in any manner. Normal repair and maintenance of the existing improvements is permitted and shall be required. In the event this property owner should wish to alter the subject improvements, a Petition for Special Hearing shall be filed to determine the appropriateness of such alteration proposed.

3) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

Deputy Zoning Commissione

for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

December 3, 1993

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Brandow, Jr. 4222 Penn Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21236

RE: PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE N/S Penn Avenue, 400' W of the c/l of Carlisle Avenue (4222 Penn Avenue) 11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Joseph E. Brandow, Jr., et ux - Petitioners Case No. 94-60-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Brandow:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Administrative Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

cc: H. Edward Andrews, III, Esquire 9028 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236 Mr. Joseph F. Svehla 4224 Penn Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21236 People's Counsel; File

Public Hearing having been requested and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Jening Commissioner of Baltimers County, this ____ day of _____ hal the subject matter of this polition be sel for a public hearing , advertised, as required by the faming Regu ivialian. Ilvaughout Ballimare County, and that the preparty be reported

Affidavit in support of Administrative Variance

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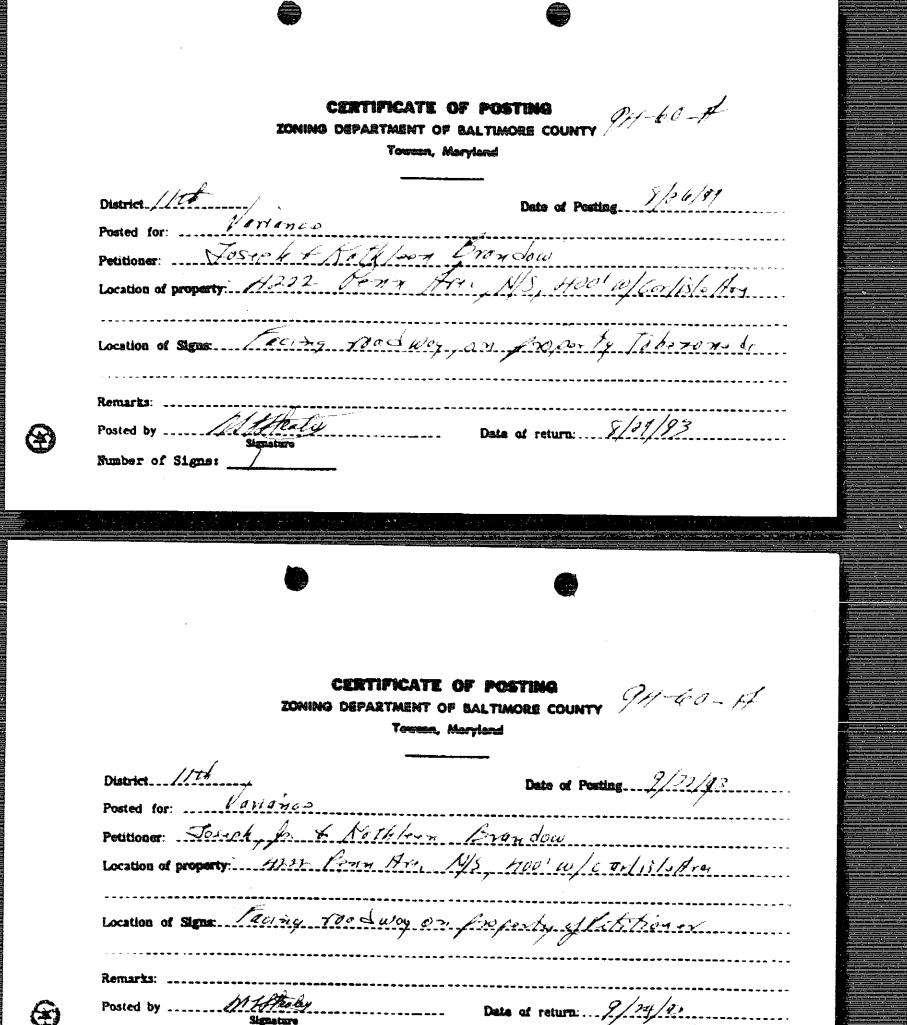
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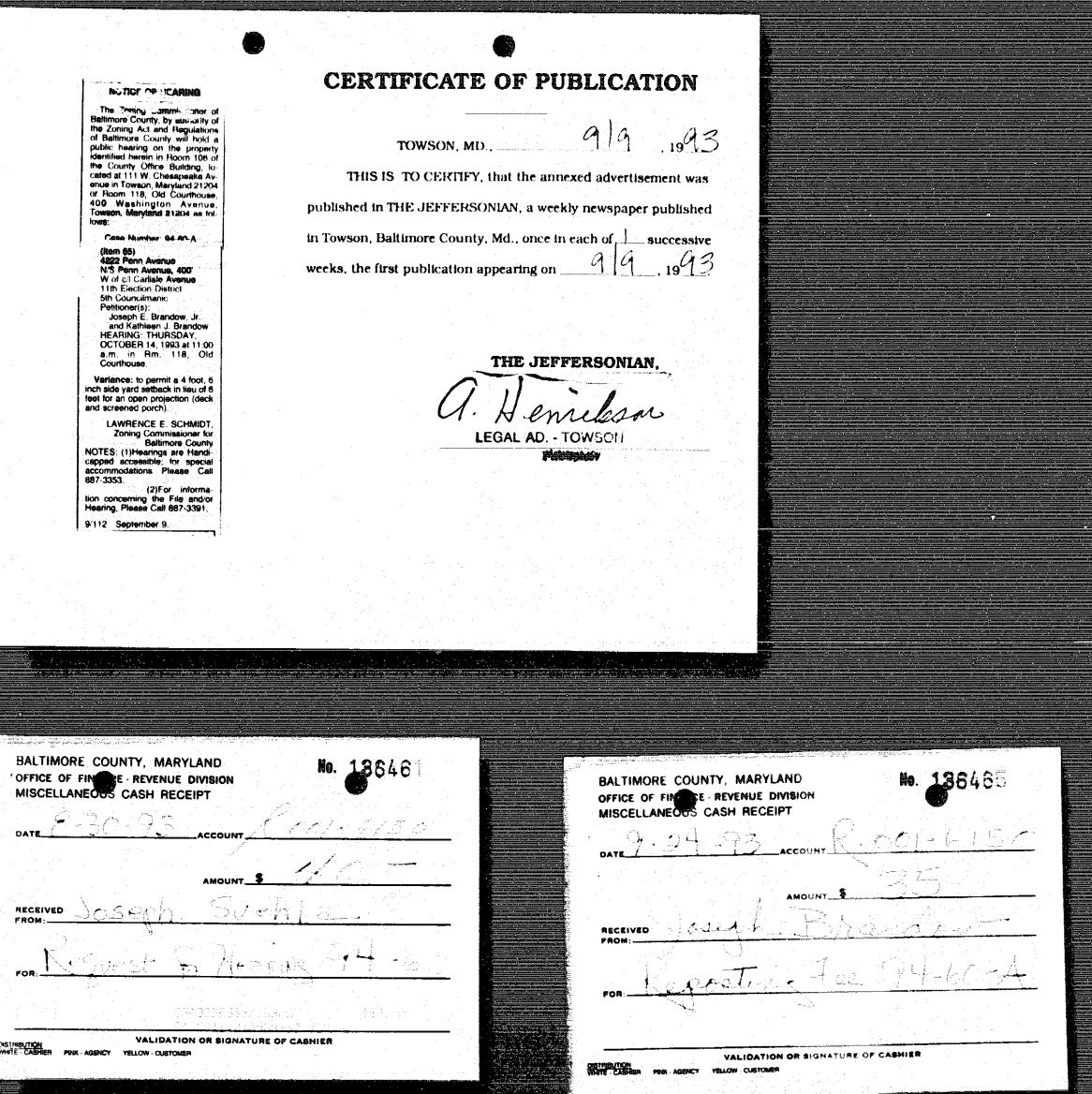
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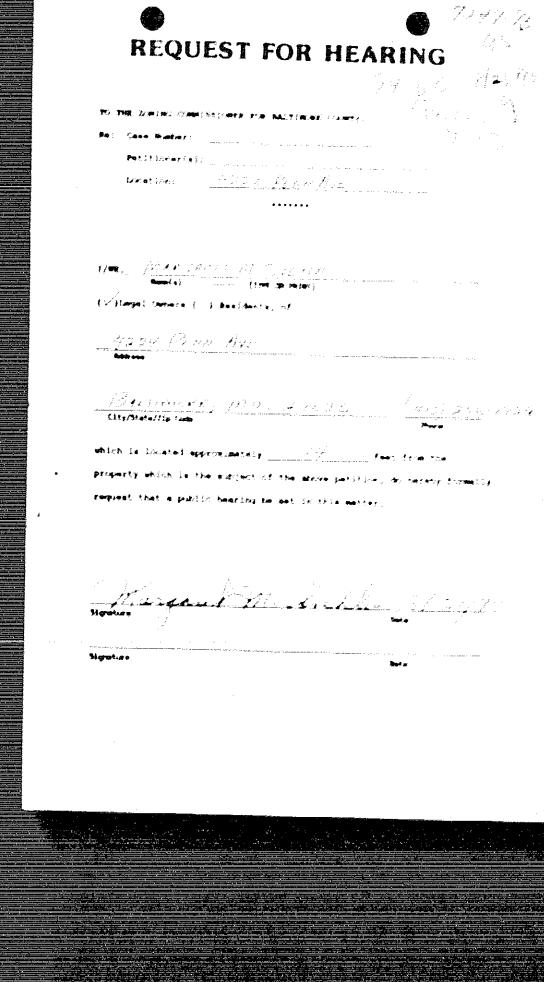
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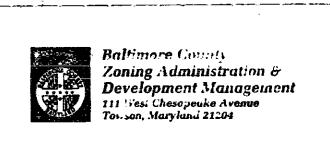
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September 8, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Brandow 4222 Penn Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21236

> RE: Case No. 94-60-A, Item No. 65 Petitioner: Joseph E. Brandow, et al Petition for Administrative Variance

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brandow:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on August 29, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

State Highway Administration

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Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: + 65 (MJK)

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towcon Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is ______ Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baitimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Caivert St., Baitimore, Maryland 21203-0717 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: August 23, 1993 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 46, 65, 67, 68, 69 and 70.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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SUBJECT: August 30, 1993 Meeting

Inter-Office Correspondence

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

SEPTEMBER 2, 1993

Joseph and Kathleen Brandow 4222 Penn Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21236

Re: Case Number: 94-60-A

Dear Petitioners:

A formal REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING has been filed in your case. Formal notification of the hearing date will be forwarded to you shortly.

As you recall, it now becomes necessary to repost the property and run notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation. This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisifed; the policy change will effect to whom and when these fees are paid.

Posting charges in the amount of \$ 35 are now due. Your check in this amount should be made payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland" and immediately mailed to this office.

Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

If you are represented by an attorney, this bill may be forwarded your attorney, who in turn, will either re-route it to you for payment or make payment to the newsapaper and later add these charges to his/her accounting for services rendered.

Please be further advised that non-payment of fees will stay the issuance of the Zoning Commissioner's Order.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gwen Stephens at 887-3391.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



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NOTICE OF CASE MURBLE ASSIGNMENT

Joseph E. Brandow, Jr. and Kathleen J. Brandow Baltimore, Maryland 21236

CASE MURRER: 94-60-A (Item 65) 4222 Penn Avenue M/S Penn avenue, 400° W of c/l Carlisle avenue

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Please be advised that your Petition for Administrative Zoning Variance has been assigned the above case number. Contact made with this office recording the status of this case, should reference the case number and be directed to 887-3391. This notice also serves as a refresher regarding the administrative process.

1) Your property will be posted on or before August 29, 1993. The closing date (September 13, 1993) is the deadline for a neighbor to file a formal request for a public hearing. After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the Zoning or Deputy Zoning Commissioner. They may (a) great the requested relief, (b) dany the requested relief, or (c) demend that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification as to whether or not your petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing.

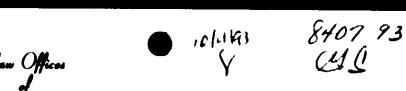
2) In cases requiring public bearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by Order of the Commissioner), the property will be reported and notice of the hearing will appear in a Beltimore County newspaper. Charges related to the reposting and newspaper advertising are payable by the petitioner(s).

3) Please be advised that you must return the sign and post to this office. They may be returned after the closing date. Failure to return the sign and post will result in a \$60.00 charge.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THE DATE AFTER THE POSTING PERIOD, THE PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETE. THE FILE MUST GO THROUGH FINAL REVIEW. ORDERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION VIA PICK-UP. WHEN READY, THE ORDER WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL.

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: 4222 Penn Avenue Joseph & Kathleen Brando Case No.: 94-60-A (Item 65)

Dear Sir(s):

H. EDWARD ANDREWS HIT

This office represents Margaret M. Svehla, Protestant, in the above-captioned action.

Please contact this office so that we may arrange for the rescheduling of the previously postponed public hearing in this case. Also, please advise as to when the file may be reviewed in this matter by undersigned counsel.

HEAIII/bm cc: Ms. Margaret M. Svehla



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